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COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND AUSTRALIA IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia's foreign minister recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any talks were held between both the countries for the development of tourism; and

(d) if so, the decisions arrived at as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Alexander Downer had visited India from June 7-10, 2005 for the fourth round of India-Australia Framework Dialogue. His talks with the then External Affairs Minister Shri K. Natwar Singh had covered a wide range of bilateral issues. The two sides also agreed to increase interaction in various fields including tourism. However no separate talks were held for development of tourism between the two countries.